

Climate Change and Health Plan 2025-2029

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Goal 1: To embed, support and promote localised climate mitigation and adaptation strategies that build resilient and healthy communities in the Loddon Mallee region.



Goal 2: To build a climate-resilient health and social service system with enhanced capacity to protect and promote health and wellbeing from the impact of climate change.

SITUATION



INPUTS



ACTIVITIES/STRATEGIES



INTERMEDIATE OUTCOMES

The [LMPHU Population Health Plan](#) aims to enable delivery of the [Victorian Public Health & Wellbeing Plan](#) priorities in alignment with place-based plans for Community Health – Health Promotion and Municipal Public Health & Wellbeing Plans.

To extend a climate change and health focus across all 9 LGAs in the LMPHU catchment, this plan outlines the sub-region activities to enable place-based climate change strategies to mitigate, adapt, and build resilience capacity to protect health and wellbeing of communities.

This CCH plan has been prepared based on;

- Areas of influence within the LMPHU role and function
- [Loddon Mallee Climate Change and Health Framework](#) recommendations (2023)
- [Environmental Scan Report](#) of Loddon Mallee region (2020)
- [National Health and Climate Strategy](#) 2023-2028, and
- Aligning to [Victoria's Climate Change Strategy](#) 2026-2030 most-related priorities;
 - Helping households with the cost of living (energy efficiency upgrades and tools)
 - Protecting kids, families and communities (tackling climate change and health impacts; greening the health system)

Key initiatives, frameworks and action plans

- United Nations [Paris Agreement](#) (2016)
- [National Climate Risk Assessment second pass](#) 2024-2025, including health and social support system risks
- Victorian legislation [Climate Action Act](#) 2017
- [Building Victoria's Climate Resilience](#) (2022), including adaptation action plans for 7 systems
- [Health and Human Services Climate Change Adaptation Action Plan](#) (2022-2026), and [draft 2027-31](#) (under consultation)
- Federation of Victorian Traditional Owner Corporations [Cultural Landscapes Strategy](#)
- WHLM [Weathering the Change](#) Blueprint for Gender Equity in Climate Planning and Response

[Global Green Healthy Hospitals Initiative](#) (2011), agenda and 10 interconnected goals. National implementation led by [Climate and Health Alliance](#)

[Climate Health Victoria](#) - sustainability action in Victoria's public health system
[Healthy and more sustainable food procurement](#) policy template and Catering for Good Directory

Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plans
[Guidance](#) for local governments (2024) - planning in relation to climate change
[Central Victorian Greenhouse Alliance](#)

Parliamentary Inquiry into the Flood Event in Victoria [final report](#) (2024) and [government response](#) (2025)
Parliamentary Inquiry into Climate Resilience [final report](#) (2025) and [government response](#) (2026)
Victorian Council of Social Services [Climate Equity](#)

[Loddon Mallee Climate Ready Plan](#) (2022), includes resilience theme of Wellbeing, across 3 interconnected focus areas People, Place, Sectors

LMPHU Mallee, Loddon Campaspe place-based teams/ Prevention Population Health Officers.

Our Approach

Place-based: Tailored strategies across the Loddon Mallee region.

Equity: Climate justice, lived and living experience, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander self-determination.

System strengthening: Collaboration, capacity building and communication.

COLLABORATION:

1. Establish/participate in local cross sector networks to drive, coordinate, and guide place-based climate change and health initiatives for adaptation and mitigation
2. Enhance collaboration with emergency management networks to support preparedness, response and recovery efforts to support community resilience from climate emergencies and public health impacts
3. Collaborate with organisations to develop and implement local heat health plans (e.g. cool spaces, energy efficiency literacy and housing)

CAPACITY BUILDING:

1. Build stakeholder capacity to understand the links between climate change and health, and adaptation and mitigation through education, engagement and resource development
2. Build community knowledge and skills in energy efficiency and literacy to support safe, cool housing during extreme heat events
3. Share data and surveillance insights, including for priority groups to drive informed decision making, inspire public health action and strengthen climate resilience
4. Support and promote research opportunities to strengthen understanding of the local impacts of climate change and inform place-based strategies
5. Support stakeholders in planning and monitoring and evaluation

COMMUNICATION:

1. Create targeted place-based messaging that acknowledges varying levels of English and digital literacy, engages priority groups and promotes cultural safety to address climate risks and opportunities for resilience and adaptation
2. Use a multimedia approach to communicate capacity building opportunities, emerging reforms, innovative strategies and new tools for climate change adaptation and mitigation
3. Develop and share place-based case studies to demonstrate the impact of climate change on priority groups, highlighting lived experience and showcase successful adaptation strategies

Local stakeholder networks are actively engaged, operating with high trust, clear roles and responsibilities and share information to reduce duplication and progress climate change and health collective action

Emergency management plans include public health risks and mitigation actions with consideration of priority populations

Stakeholders understand the link between climate change and health, which is reflected in their climate change plans / strategies

Health services have developed climate change strategies/actions plans, policies and risk assessment

LMPHU Community data profiles include climate change and social equity data to measure progress and support planning, advocacy and funding submissions

Stakeholders are confident to apply monitoring and evaluation to their policies and activities for climate change adaptation

Priority populations have access to culturally safe, inclusive and accessible information to support their understanding of climate risks and strengthen their resilience and adaptive capacity

Stakeholders are well informed, engaged and equipped with the knowledge and tools to apply climate change adaptation and mitigation strategies, leading to stronger collaboration and capacity across the system

Local climate change networks have priority population representation to embed inclusion and cultural safety to support health equity

Local government areas in the Loddon Mallee have a heat health plan that includes cool spaces that are culturally safe and accessible for priority populations

Stakeholders have the knowledge, skills and resources to promote energy efficiency and literacy, reducing the health impacts of extreme heat events, with particular focus on priority populations

LMPHU have optimised opportunities to partner with universities in research that strengthens understanding of the local impacts of climate change and inform place-based strategies

LONG-TERM OUTCOMES



Victoria's net zero emissions targets Greenhouse gas emissions reduction of

- 45-50% by 2030
- 75-80% by 2035
- net zero by 2045

Victorian Public Health and Wellbeing Outcomes Framework

Outcome 5.1: Victorians belong to resilient and liveable communities
Increase adaptation to the impacts of climate change

